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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Klaus P. HIRTH

Title: METHOD FOR MOLECULAR  
DIAGNOSIS OF TUMOR  
ANGIOGENESIS AND  
METASTASIS

Appl. No.: 09/829,968

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Examiner: HUNT, JENNIFER ELIZABETH

Art Unit: 1642

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a three-month extension of time to extend the time to respond to September 20, 2002. Should such a request or fee be deficient or absent, please consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to charge the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 to 1.18 to Account No. 19-0741.

**In the Claims:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please substitute for original claims 20-24, the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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20. (Twice Amended) A method of detecting metastasis at a site distal from a primary tumor in a human comprising:

a) administering to the human a detectably labeled ligand which specifically recognizes VEGF; and